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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents U.S. Patent and Trademark Office 2011 South Clark Place Customer Window, Mail Stop AF Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03 Arlington, Virginia 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 5, 2004, petition and payment for a two month extension of time being attached hereto, please amend as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Attachments including support copies two publication references (Scott et al. and Watson et al.) are attached following page 16 of this paper.